

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A substance-supporting porous silica,  
wherein the porous silica is obtained by a process comprising mixing water glass with an organic raw material,

wherein [[a]] the porous silica supports a substance selected from the group consisting of menthols, volatile substances, thermal substances, plant polyphenols and organic colorants, and has a specific surface area of from 400 to 1500 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and

wherein the pore of the porous silica forms a hexagonal structure.

2. (Original) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, further comprising an emulsifying agent.

3. (Original) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the porous silica has a pore having an average pore size of from 0.8 to 20 nm.

4. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein the porous silica has an average particle size of from 50 nm to 100 µm.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the substance-supporting

porous silica as defined in claim 1.

7. (Previously Presented) A coolant comprising a porous silica according to claim 1.
8. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said porous silica has a specific surface area of from 600 to 1500 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
9. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said porous silica has a specific surface area of from 600 to 1200 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
10. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is menthols.
11. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is volatile substances.
12. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is thermal substances.
13. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is plant polyphenols.

14. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is organic colorants.

15. (New) A substance-supporting porous silica,  
wherein the porous silica comprises an organic raw material and water glass,  
wherein the porous silica supports a substance selected from the group consisting of menthols, volatile substances, thermal substances, plant polyphenols and organic colorants, and has a specific surface area of from 400 to 1500 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and  
wherein the pore of the porous silica forms a hexagonal structure.

16. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said organic raw material is selected from the group consisting of cationic surfactant, anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, non-ionic surfactant, high-molecular polymer and mixtures thereof.

17. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 15, wherein said organic raw material is selected from the group consisting of cationic surfactant, anionic surfactant, amphoteric surfactant, non-ionic surfactant, high-molecular polymer and mixtures thereof.